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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 7, line 1, delete "and/or 5";

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any one of the foregoing claims",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 14, line 1, delete "claims 11 to 13",  
insert --claim 1--;

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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